

Senate File 222 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation for implementation and expansion
2 of early head start projects.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EARLY HEAD START PROJECTS. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and
4 ending June 30, 2014, the following amount, or so much thereof
5 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

6 For early head start projects:

7 \$ 800,000

8 The moneys appropriated in this section shall be used for
9 implementation and expansion of early head start pilot projects
10 addressing the comprehensive cognitive, social, emotional,
11 and developmental needs of children from birth to age three,
12 including prenatal support for qualified families. The
13 projects shall promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy
14 family functioning, and strengthen the development of infants
15 and toddlers in low-income families. Priority shall be given
16 to those organizations that have previously qualified for
17 and received state funding to administer an early head start
18 project.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill makes an appropriation for FY 2013-2014 to the
21 department of education for implementation and expansion of
22 early head start projects. The projects are part of a national
23 effort to promote healthy prenatal outcomes and healthy family
24 functioning, and strengthen the development of infants and
25 toddlers in low-income families.